



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**For Keelboats and Multihulls**  
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**ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Regatta is organised by Regattas Asia in conjunction with the Samui Yacht Club Regatta, under the auspices of the Thailand Ministry of Tourism and Sports, Province of Surat Thani, the Sports Authority of Thailand, the Surat Thani Provincial Office of Tourism and Sports, the Municipal of Koh Samui and the Yacht Racing Association of Thailand.

**1. RULES**

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and by:

- 1.1 For boats racing under IRC, The IRC Rules 2017, Parts A, B and C except that:
  - I. Under special agreement with the IRC Rating Authority, the expiry date for current IRC 2017 Certificates carried by regatta competitors is extended for the duration of the regatta. There is no requirement for an amended certificate to be issued to reflect this change.
  - II. For the purposes of IRC Rule 21.1.5(d), this is a regatta run on consecutive days (*so the sails on board while racing must remain the same throughout, including the spare mainsail if possibly being used*).
  - III. The use of a second mainsail is allowed so long as it is carried onboard at all times while racing.
  - IV. Boats may choose to use either their spinnaker or non- spinnaker TCC for the duration of the regatta, subject to declaration prior to the start of racing.
  - V. No alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted once registration is complete, except as a results of a rating protest, to correct a Rating Office error or in the case of substantial damage being caused to the boat (which would significantly effect her performance), to allow fair use of substitute equipment. [NP]
- 1.2 The OMR Rule for Multihulls amended by the Thailand Multihull Association prescriptions.
- 1.3 The RYA National Handicap for Cruisers
- 1.4 The Platu 25 International Class Rules, amended by the National Class Association of Thailand Class Rules for one-design entries and boats sailing under a standard one-design rating, including crew limits
- 1.5 No National prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.6 In all rules governing this event, the notations [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.7 RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply for yachts racing in the Multihull Classes. The use of stored power for the hoisting of **mainsails**, or the reefing or furling of **sails** need not be declared.
- 1.8 The Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. In the case of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. (This changes Rule 63.7)
- 1.9 If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall prevail.
- 1.10 All boats joining the regatta shall register all participating crew at time of registration and pay the relevant crew fee as indicated in the Notice of Race. [NP]

- 1.11 Substitution of competitors not included in the registered crew list will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee[NP]
- 1.12 Boats shall comply with **World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B** in daylight hours except that:  
All boats shall carry an operational marine band VHF radio and monitor the designated channels from 30 minutes before any scheduled start until after finishing.[NP]

Boats racing on a one-design certificate shall comply with their class safety regulations, sail limitations and other regulations where they differ from World Sailing Special Regulations.

## 2. IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 All boats shall carry an identifying sail number of at least 2 digits on the mainsail and/or their hull.
- 2.2 If so required by the race committee, additional identifying numbers may be required to be attached to the mainsail.

## 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board situated in-front of the fitness centre at Centara Grand Beach Resort.

Notices may also be posted on the official website. [www.samuiregatta.com](http://www.samuiregatta.com)

Failure to display notices on the website or at the additional notice boards will not be grounds for redress.

## 4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 08.00 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 To alert boats on the water that late changes to the sailing instructions have been made, Flag 'L' may be displayed on the starting vessel and information passed by radio.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flag mast located at the beach in front of the Fitness Centre (CGBR).
- 5.2 When Flag AP (Answering Pennant) is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP.
- 5.3 When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag(s), it applies to that class(es) only.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled as shown in Appendix 1, and will consist of 5 days racing and one reserve day.
- 6.2 For all classes, there will be up to ten races scheduled.
- 6.3 The reserve day, Thursday 31st May, may be used if the race committee considers it unlikely that races will be completed as scheduled.

- 6.4 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed before the warning signal is displayed.
- 6.5 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed (with one sound) for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.6 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 14.00.
- 6.7 The first warning signal will be at 10:00 hrs on each racing day, except that, if an "Around an Island" Offshore Race is planned, the following procedure will apply:

An intention to conduct an "Around an Island" Offshore Race will be notified by the race committee by a Notice to Competitors in accordance with SI 4.1 and the time of the first Warning Signal amended as posted.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The class flags will be:
- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| IRC Zero             | Pink with Black Stripe |
| IRC 1                | White                  |
| Performance Cruising | White/Green            |
| Multihulls           | Blue/Red               |

- 7.2 These flags will be used as the class warning signals.

## 8. RACING AREAS

- 8.1. The racing areas and courses are illustrated in Appendix 2 (The illustrations are not to scale.)

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1 A laminated course book will be issued at registration together with the Sailing Instructions. This book will contain a number of inshore, coastal and inter-island courses.
- (a) It is purely diagrammatic and should not be used for navigation.
- (b) While every effort is made to ensure that buoys are depicted in their proper places, no responsibility is taken for any errors thereon. [NP]

The course(s) to be sailed on each Race Day will be notified on the course board on the starting committee vessel.

### **Course boards.**

The course to be sailed and approximate compass bearing of the first leg will be displayed no later than the warning signal. The class for which the course is being displayed will be indicated by the display of a course board representing the class flag together with the course.

The course(s) will be chosen to take into account the prevailing or forecast weather conditions on the day of the race. For coastal and inter-island races the approximate coordinates of any marks of the course will be indicated in the course book.

- 9.2 WINDWARD - LEEWARD/TRAPEZOID and ZIGZAG COURSES. The weather mark, Mark 1, will be moored in a range from 1 nautical miles (nm) up to 3 nm from Mark 2. Mark 3 may be laid to allow a shorter course for some classes.

**All rounding marks shall be rounded as indicated in the course descriptions.**

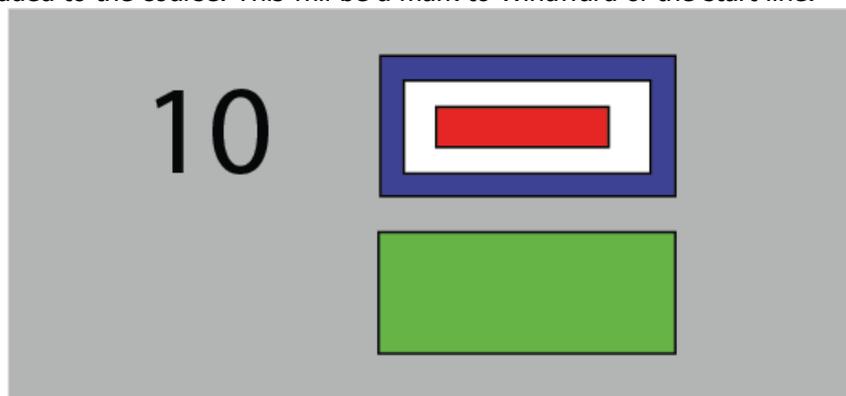
- 9.3 COASTAL COURSES - Coastal courses will be as shown in the diagrams, and include areas off the east, south east and north coasts of Koh Samui. These courses may be overlaid with Windward/Leeward Courses to facilitate multiple courses from the same committee vessel.

These course diagrams are **NOT** to scale and are not to be used for navigation purposes.

The GPS details included in the course descriptions are provided using the WGS84 datum. These details are approximate and no request for redress will be considered for an out of position mark or gate. This changes RRS 62.1

- 9.4 The start and finish are shown diagrammatically as being off Chawaeng Bay. In the event of poor wind conditions off the east coast of Koh Samui the start may be moved further north or further south to find more favourable wind. The start vessel will fly code flag L, indicating "FOLLOW ME" and motor to the new start area.
- 9.5 In the event of a start line being placed further north or further south the finish line will be in the same relative position.
- 9.6 If there is any discrepancy between a course diagram and the written description, then the written description shall prevail.
- 9.7 A race committee vessel signaling a change of a leg of the course, is a mark as provided in SI 12.2, 12.3.
- 9.8 Adding a windward mark.

If Flag W is displayed with the course number board, A new "FIRST" mark will be added to the course. This will be a mark to Windward of the start line.



The Rounding direction will be indicated by the Coloured Board displayed below the W.

If a RED flag is displayed below flag W, then the new "first" mark of the course shall be rounded to PORT

If a GREEN flag is displayed below flag W, then the new "first" mark of the course shall be rounded to STARBOARD

If Flag "W" is not displayed with the course number, the first mark of the course after the start shall be rounded as listed in the course description in attachment 2. This changes RRS 28.

## 10. MARKS

10.1 The marks of the course will be inflatable black, pink, white, blue, yellow or red buoys or islands and navigation aids as identified in the course illustrations. All gates will be between an inflatable buoy, navigational mark or island and a yellow or orange buoy as indicated in the course diagrams.

In some circumstances marks will be used to show sponsors logos.

10.2 The new mark as provided in SI 12.1 for all courses will be a yellow buoy of the same shape/design as the original mark.

10.3 The port end starting mark will be a cylindrical buoy or alternatively an orange flag on a staff on a race committee vessel. The port end finishing mark will be a black/white cylindrical buoy.

10.4 Marks 1 and 2 in the windward leeward course will be a cube buoy. Mark 3 will be a Red Triangular buoy.

10.5 If at any time a buoy should become unserviceable, it will be replaced by an alternative buoy or by an Official vessel displaying Code Flag (CF) 'M'.

## 11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 Classes may be started in any order.

11.3 When a subsequent race for a class(es) is started on the same day the warning signal of the first class to start will be preceded by the display of a postponement signal. This instruction will not apply after a general recall or abandonment.

11.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Starting Vessel and the port end starting mark. An inner distance mark, if laid, and the water between the inner distance mark and the extremities of the Starting Vessel will be considered to be an extension of the Starting Vessel. Boats shall not sail between the inner distance mark and the Starting Vessel.

11.5 A boat that does not start within ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [NP]

11.7 In addition to displaying CF 'X' the race committee may advise boats that are OCS by radio on the official race frequency. Failure to transmit, or delay, is not grounds for redress.

11.8 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 77. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course

configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

- 12.2 For Coastal Courses.  
Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, from the direction of the previous mark. This changes RRS 28.
- 12.3 For Windward/Leeward Courses.  
Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.
- 12.4 Return to the Finish.  
If a committee vessel at a mark or gate is displaying Code Flag "R" (Yellow cross on Red Background). Boats shall complete the rounding or passing of that mark and then race directly back to the finish. This changes RRS 28, 33 and Race Signals.

### 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.
- 13.2 Due to shallow waters surrounding some of the islands, the finishing line of the shortened courses may be located further off-shore in deeper water. The shortened course finishing line will be between the committee vessel displaying Flag 'S' and a cylindrical buoy. This information may be announced on VHF Ch. 77.  
This changes RRS 32.2
- 13.3 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

### 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 Unless otherwise prescribed in these Sailing Instructions, the protest committee in accordance with RRS 64.1, may award a scoring penalty or time penalty as an alternative to DSQ. The penalty will be at the discretion of the protest committee. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

### 15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1. The absolute time limit for each racing day Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1st June will be 17.30 hrs. This changes rule 35 and A4 and A5. The absolute time limit for racing day Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June will be 16.00 hrs. This changes rule 35 and A4 and A5.  
This overrides the provisions in SI 15.2,15.3
- 15.2 The time limit for coastal and zigzag courses for each class shall be 6 hours or 120 minutes after the second boat of the class sails the course and finishes, whichever is the longer. Boats finishing outside these limits will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.3 The time limit for the windward/leeward and trapezoid courses shall be 2.5 hours or 60 minutes after the second boat of the class finishes, whichever is the longer. Boats finishing outside these limits will be scored "DNF". This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A 4.1

- 15.4 The race committee may, at its absolute discretion award finishing points (FPA) to the last few boats in a class. Boats may be given a notional finishing position and points one or more than the last placed boat to finish within the time limit. The abbreviation FPA will appear in the results when this has been done. If more than one boat in a class receives a position in this way, points shall be awarded as if the boats had equal corrected times. This changes RRS 28.1, 35, A4.2 and A5.

*Boats who are informed of this decision shall immediately return to the start area, if there is a second race, or return ashore if that was their last race of the day.*

- 15.5 When zero or less than 20% of a class finish within the required time limit, the Race Committee may use their discretion under SI 15.4 (FPA) and award scores to some or all of the remainder of the class. The race committee may use the relative finishing positions at a previous mark. A boat scored FPA will not be scored better than a boat which finishes.
- 15.6 Boats that have been awarded points in accordance with 15.4 shall not be eligible to receive a prize for that race. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

## 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available from the protest station situated at "The Fitness Centre" Centara Grand Beach Resort. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2. All protests must be submitted in the English Language.
- 16.3. The jury may form three man panels in accordance with Appendix N1.4b, any request to reopen a decision of a three man panel before a full 5 man jury must be made no later than 30 minutes after the parties are informed of the decision
- 16.4. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in that class has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The same protest time limit applies to the race committee and protest committee for protests about an incident observed on the water. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.  
The daily close of protest time for each class will be posted on the official noticeboard.
- 16.5 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be heard in the approx. order of receipt, in the Protest Room at the times posted.
- If the protest committee and all parties involved in a protest are ready and willing to proceed before the Time Limit, then the protest committee would consider starting that hearing earlier than the 90+30 minutes.
- 16.6 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day, or
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes RRS 66.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## 17. SCORING

- 17.1 For all classes there will be up to ten races, two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.2 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office and submit to the Scoring Officer within the protest time limit of their class.

## 18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [NP]

- 18.1 During the regatta, the crew should remain the same and be on board for all races. Crew may be substituted with the permission of the race committee.
- (a) Substitution of competitors by persons not included in the registered crew list will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
  - (b) Except in an emergency, from the time the boat leaves the anchorage each day until the boat has finished racing for the day there shall be no crew changes, except with the permission of the race Committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.3 Accredited journalists, photographers or cameramen who are not regular crew members may join and/or leave a boat at any time and by any means so long as their doing so does not directly affect another competitor and they play no part in the racing of the boat. However, crew limitations listed in SI 1.4 still apply. This changes rule 47.2

## 19. OFFICIAL VESSELS [NP]

- 19.1 All Official Vessels will display a White Rectangular Regatta Flag indicating their designation as "Media" or "Race Committee". Failure to display this flag will not be grounds for Redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)

## 20. RADIO COMMUNICATION [NP]

- 20.1 Radio communications between boats and the race committee during racing will be carried out on **VHF Channel 77 (15.675 MHz)**. Competitors are advised to maintain a listening watch on this channel at all times.
- 20.2 The following communications may be made by the race committee using the designated VHF Channel in addition to any Race Signals. This changes RRS 29, 32, 33 and 41.
- (a) Courses, including the bearing and distance to the first mark.
  - (b) Postponements and abandonments.
  - (c) Identification of boats during start sequence. (SI 11.8)
  - (d) Boats identified as OCS and general recalls.
  - (e) Changing courses or marks and identify marks
  - (f) Shortening the Course
  - (g) Time limits
  - (h) Safety
- 20.3 Failure to make or receive such communications shall not be grounds for redress.

- 20.4 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats except as described in SI 20.6. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 20.5 No boat shall instigate radio communication on the official race frequency from 10 minutes before the scheduled time for the first warning signal until 10 minutes after the last start.
- 20.6 A boat retiring from a race must at the earliest opportunity notify the race committee of this by hail, message, VHF on Channel 77 (15.675 MHz) or cellular phone on the number provided by the race committee
- 20.7 Any radio communications by the race committee involving naming or misnaming of boats or marks and/or their numbers, colours, designs, logos, or shapes cannot be used as evidence in any subsequent redress hearing. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## 21. SHORTENING COURSE

- 21.1 The race committee may shorten course at any rounding or passing mark in accordance with RRS 32 and/or as changed by this SI.
- 21.2 A committee vessel used for finishing may hold position using her engines.
- 21.3 For the purposes of this SI, the mark at which the course is shortened shall be referred to as Mark S. The Time Limit will be from the time the second boat in each class rounds Mark S plus 120 minutes for coastal courses and 60 minutes for windward leeward courses. The absolute time limit as describe in SI 15.1 shall still apply.
- 21.4 If the course is shortened at an island or point of land, the race committee may lay a finishing mark just offshore to indicate the finishing line as described in SI.13.2 Boats shall finish between the mark and the committee vessel. Where there is no mark, the finish line shall be between the committee vessel and the nearest point of land. This changes RRS 32.2

## 22. PRIZES

- 22.1. **Samui Regatta** and its sponsors will award prizes, in each class and division, for:  
First, Second and Third overall;  
First, Second and Third each day  
Other prizes including prizes for individual races and divisional results and line honors may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.

## 23. TRASH DISPOSAL [NP]

- 23.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water or leave at the beachside.  
**Garbage should be taken ashore, separated and delivered to the appropriate disposal points at Centara Grand Beach Resort.**

## 24 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredicable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

The provision of patrol vessels cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

Inspections - The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in these Sailing Instructions.